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MA SENATOR TO TOUR LOCAL MANUFACTURING FACILITY ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

The Associated Industries of Massachusetts organized a 'made in the USA' tour of western Massachusetts-based plastics manufacturer, Meredith-Springfield

LUDLOW, MA – <u>Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.</u>, a world-class plastics manufacturer specializing in extrusion blow molding and injection stretch blow molding, is proud to host a meeting with Massachusetts Senator Gale D. Candaras (D – Wilbraham) and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM) at their Ludlow, Massachusetts plant and headquarters on Wednesday, September 18, 2013. The meeting will include a tour of Meredith-Springfield's 100,000 square foot manufacturing facility, and was organized by AIM to help legislators visit manufacturers in their districts.

Meredith-Springfield invites the media for interviews and photography opportunities following the tour. **Media is advised to arrive at Meredith Springfield, located at 321 Moody Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts, at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.**

"Meredith-Springfield is a prime example of a healthy and stable manufacturing business operating in the United States," said Meredith-Springfield President and Chief Executive Officer, Mel O'Leary. "We are excited to welcome both Senator Candaras and members of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts into our plant, and share insights about how manufacturing can help improve the economic climate of Massachusetts."

Senator Candaras was a strong supporter of recently passed legislation that aims to stimulate job growth and economic advancement for small business and the manufacturing industry by supporting research and development projects. More information about Senator Candaras' focus on economic development is available on her website, <u>www.galecandaras.com</u>.

"This firsthand look at a manufacturing operation in my district will provide valuable insight," said Senator Candaras. "I am eager to learn about Meredith-Springfield's achievements in the marketplace and how state programs and policies may serve to impact their operations in the future."

Founded in 1915, the <u>Associated Industries of Massachusetts</u> (AIM) is a dynamic and innovative association of Massachusetts employers that support public policy encouraging economic growth and opportunity within the commonwealth.

About Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.

A plastic extrusion and injection stretch blow molding manufacturing and engineering company in Ludlow, Massachusetts, Meredith-Springfield has built a reputation for providing superior, high-quality finished products and a hassle-free experience to companies across the globe. The company's core competencies include project management of extrusion blow molded articles from concept through commercialization, and creating process solutions to enable optimal manufacturing of the most difficult articles. Meredith-Springfield offers the latest technology for molding PET and other resins to the existing client base and can take advantage of other global opportunities. Clients include American Distilling Inc., B&G Foods, Inc., Chesebrough-Ponds, Chevron Oil, Clairol, Clorox, Elizabeth Arden, Gillette, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft, PepsiCo, and Reebok. These are just a few of the companies that in the past, or at present, enjoy partnerships with Meredith-Springfield. Resin capabilities include HDPE, PP, PVC, PA, PET, EPET, TPE, TPU, ABS, LDPE, and Fluoropolymers. Serving the medical, packaging, industrial, HBA, and food industries, Meredith-Springfield consistently demonstrates its capabilities in world-class product design and manufacturing and deepens its national and international relationships. Meredith-Springfield is also a consistent referral for companies of all sizes who need test-market quantities of custom blow molded prototype samples for research and development (R&D) and for "out-of-the box" concept development. For more information, please visit www.meredithspringfield.com.